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COASTAL HAZARD MESSAGE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NEWPORT/MOREHEAD CITY NC
1011 PM EDT WED APR 18 2012

...BEACH HAZARDS STATEMENT IN EFFECT FOR THE OUTER BANKS DARE BEACHES
THURSDAY...

.NORTHEAST SWELLS PRODUCED BY A STRONG LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM IN THE
WESTERN ATLANTIC WILL PRODUCE DANGEROUS BREAKING WAVES ALONG OUTER
BANKS DARE BEACHES THURSDAY...ESPECIALLY NORTH OF CAPE HATTERAS.

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OUTER BANKS DARE-
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...BEACH HAZARDS STATEMENT IN EFFECT FROM 8 AM EDT THURSDAY
THROUGH THURSDAY EVENING...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN NEWPORT/MOREHEAD CITY HAS ISSUED
A BEACH HAZARDS STATEMENT FOR DANGEROUS SHORE BREAK...WHICH IS IN
EFFECT FROM 8 AM EDT THURSDAY THROUGH THURSDAY EVENING.

- * HAZARDS...DANGEROUS SHORE BREAK.
- * TIMING...THROUGH THE DAY THURSDAY
- * LOCATION...ALONG OUTER BANKS DARE BEACHES FROM CAPE HATTERAS NORTH.
- * SURF HEIGHT...4 TO 6 FEET.
- * POTENTIAL IMPACTS...STRONG SHORE BREAK CAN POSSESS ENOUGH POWER
TO INJURE BONES...PIN SWIMMERS TO THE TO THE BOTTOM AND WASH BEACH
GOERS...ESPECIALLY SMALL CHILDREN...OFF THE SHORELINE INTO THE SURF
ZONE.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

SHORE BREAK OCCURS WHEN SWELLS ENCOUNTER AN ABRUPT CHANGE IN BOTTOM
DEPTH AND UNLEASH ALL THEIR ENERGY IN A SHORT DISTANCE CLOSE TO SHORE
IN EXTREMELY SHALLOW WATER. THE MOST COMMON INJURIES WITH STRONG
SHORE BREAK ARE NECK AND BACK INJURIES...WHICH MOST OFTEN OCCUR WHEN
THE POWERFUL SURF THROWS A SWIMMER OR SURFER HEAD FIRST INTO THE
BOTTOM. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO PROTECT YOUR HEAD AND NECK
WHENEVER YOU ARE IN THE BREAKING WAVES BY KEEPING YOUR HANDS IN FRONT
OF YOU AT ALL TIMES.

BEACH HAZARDS STATEMENTS ARE ISSUED WHEN HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS RELATED

TO WEATHER, WAVE AND CURRENTS, ENVIRONMENT, OR UNUSUAL EVENTS ARE EXPECTED TO AFFECT BEACH/COASTAL/SHORELINE AREAS AND ADJACENT NEARSHORE WATERS.

PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE NEW BEACH HAZARDS STATEMENT...

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